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DEERHEAD FUELS REDUCTION PROJECT TO RESUME

Alamogordo, NM (September 21, 2006) – The Deerhead prescribed burn project, which began in 2005, and part of the Rio Penasco Watershed Environmental Analysis on the Sacramento Ranger District, Cloudcroft, will resume during the weeks of September 25 through the month of October, 2006. The hand and tractor pile burns are in the Piney Woods subdivision, and residents of the subdivision will see and smell smoke for the duration of the burn. The Deerhead project is approximately 60-70 acres in size.

The project is designed to remove fuels in ponderosa pine and mixed conifer stands, reduce the potential for damaging crown fires, and enhance firefighting capabilities. The areas were thinned and piled two to three years ago.

When the project begins, signs will be posted along highways affected by the smoke and motorists are urged to use caution. Forest Service personnel will be posting current information regarding progress of the burns for communities and residents in the area. As always, firefighter and public safety are a top priority.

For additional information, please contact the Sacramento Ranger District Office, (505) 682-2551, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The mailing address is: Sacramento Ranger District Office, P.O. Box 288, Cloudcroft, N.M., 88317

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